

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 30, 32 through 35, 37, 40, 41, and 44 through 47 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add Claims 48 through 53 as follows:

1 - 47. (Cancelled)

48. (New) A remote install method for a program in a network, said method comprising:

acquiring printer information on a plurality of printers provided in the network;

managing client information on a plurality of client apparatuses included in the network;

storing a client management table that manages, for each of the plurality of client apparatuses, (a) printer information on at least one of the plurality of printers to be used in the client apparatus and (b) at least one extended function program of a core printer driver for each of the at least one printer, based on the acquired printer information and the managed client information;

displaying a screen for updating the stored client management table, wherein a manager is allowed to select on the screen (a) one of the plurality of client apparatuses, (b) one of the at least one printer to be managed for the client apparatus, and (c) one of the at least one extended function program for the printer; and

sending, to the client apparatus selected on the displayed screen, a core printer driver for the printer and the extended function program for the printer that have not been installed in the client apparatus, in accordance with the updated client management table.

49. (New) The remote install method according to claim 48, wherein the extended function program is (a) registered as an object to be supported by an inter-object communication function provided by an operating system of the client apparatus, (b) connected to a driver of a device connected to the client apparatus by the inter-object communication function, and (c) called in a form decided in advance.

50. (New) The remote install method according to claim 48, wherein the sending is performed in accordance with designation of the client apparatus and an install starting instruction entered via an input unit.

51. (New) The remote install method according to claim 48, wherein, in the displaying, the manager is allowed to select (a) at least two printers to be managed for the client apparatus and (b) respective different extended function programs for the at least two printers.

52. (New) An apparatus comprising:
acquisition means for acquiring printer information on a plurality of printers provided in the network;
managing means for managing client information on a plurality of client apparatuses included in the network;

storing means for storing a client management table that manages, for each of the plurality of client apparatuses, (a) printer information on at least one of the plurality of printers to be used in the client apparatus and (b) at least one extended function program of a core printer driver for each of the at least one printer, based on the acquired printer information and the managed client information;

displaying means for displaying a screen for updating the stored client management table, wherein a manager is allowed to select on the screen (a) one of the plurality of client apparatuses, (b) one of the at least one printer to be managed for the client apparatus, and (c) one of the at least one extended function program for the printer; and

sending means for sending to the client apparatus selected on the displayed screen, a core printer driver for the printer and the extended function program for the printer that have not been installed in the client apparatus, in accordance with the updated client management table.

53. (New) A computer-readable medium encoded with a computer program instructing a computer to perform a remote install method according to claim 48.